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(POLYGRAPHS)

WASHINGTON--REP. CORNELIUS GALLAGHER, D-N.J., THE MAN WHO SPARKED A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNMENT LIE DETECTION, TODAY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD VIRTUALLY PROHIBIT THE USE OF POLYGRAPHS BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.

GALLAGHER'S BILL WOULD BAR THE ACQUISITION OR EMPLOYMENT OF THE MACHINE UNLESS THE SECRETARY OF A DEPARTMENT OR THE HEAD OF AN AGENCY PERSONALLY AUTHORIZED IT IN EACH INSTANCE ON THE GROUND THAT IT WOULD BE "OF EXTRAORDINARY NECESSITY IN PROTECTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST."

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